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Proposes merger of schools with Habermehl as dean

NIAGARA COLLEGE
of Applied Arts and Technology
WELLAND CAMPUS
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RESOURCE CENTRE

Merging of two schools under one dean is proposed in the wake of the resignation of I.J. Giancarlo, dean of Applied Arts and executive dean of the college.

The schools of Applied Arts and Health Sciences will become the School of Applied Arts and Health Sciences under Fred Habermehl, dean, School of Health Sciences.

The changes will become effective July 1 if the proposal is adopted by the college Board of Governors at a meeting this Thursday. The proposal was put before the faculty of Applied Arts last Tuesday by Jacqueline Robarts, college president. She asked instructors for any ideas for changes to the proposal, either by telephone or in writing, before the end of last week.

Miss Robarts said there will be no change to the proposal unless it was shown to be a major advantage to the arrangement.

Mr. Giancarlo announced his retirement from the college on Wednesday, April 4. He has been with the college since it opened in 1967 and has been in education for 36 years. His resignation takes effect June 30.

"We are sad to see John (Giancarlo) leave us," Miss Robarts said. "He was not asked to leave and it is with a great deal of regret for us that he has made that decision.

"The proposal we (PEC) have come up with should allay 95 per cent of your fears. There will be no break-up of the English department. This is only a proposal and is not final. It still needs more board approval."

DOUBLE DUTY

Mr. Habermehl, who has been at the college since 1968, was a chairman in the School of Applied Arts until he was named dean of Health Sciences in 1974. Double portfolios are no stranger to Mr. Habermehl who served as dean of Health Sciences and Technology until the appointment of Dr. Tony Knowles last year. He has been the principal at Welland Vale since 1983 and the dean of Health Sciences.

The new school will have four chairmen — two from Applied Arts and two from Health Sciences — sharing responsibilities for 30 programs and continuing education credit course areas.

A third applied arts chairman, George A. Blazetich, will be moved to the School of Technology with added responsibilities at Welland Vale and at the new Valley Way School.

Robert Baddeley, health sciences chairman, will be given responsibility for early childhood education, education des petits and infant care and education from applied arts. These are applied arts programs. He will retain responsibility for ambulance and emergency care, dental assistant, dental hygiene, dicta-typist — health records, health care aide, hospital orderly, and gerontology — multidiscipline (PT).

NURSING CHAIRMAN

Lois Millar, health sciences chairman, will have no additional responsibilities. She is in charge of nursing diploma, post-diploma programs in nursing and continuing education credit course. All chairmen have similar responsibilities in the continuing education areas related to their disciplines.

Miss Robarts said Miss Millar's program responsibilities are not as numerous as those of the other chairmen, but she has 360 students in the programs and as many faculty as any of the other chairmen.

David Davies, chairman of

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Tribunal reaches decision

By NANCY ROACH
Staff Writer

The 1985 election will not be declared invalid. A special election tribunal turned down the request of Dino Giammarco, defeated presidential candidate, that a "re-vote" be called.

The tribunal held last Monday was set up to deal exclusively with Dino's criticisms of election procedures, but found no evidence of illegal practices by any candidate or official agent.

In a written statement to Dino, the tribunal declared, "there is no evidence that any deviations of procedure created unfair advantage to any candidate or affected the results of the election."

FIRST AT NIAGARA

Though such a tribunal is provided for in the SAC constitution this tribunal was the first in the history of Niagara College.

It consisted of Hugo Bessems, chief returning officer; Steve Gill, SAC executive vice-president; and Jon Fast, SAC vice-president of finance. It was held in the Board Room April 29.

The April 9 election results had indicated that independent candidate Thomas Stockwell won the presidential spot with 241 votes over MASH candidate John Turner's 239 votes. Dino, a Triple E candidate, trailed with 196 votes. But a polling station was re-opened April 15, and these final results gave John 258 votes, Thomas 253 votes and Dino 198 votes.

The final results gave the MASH (Making All Students Happy) Party total victory. No Triple E candidates won.

At the tribunal hearing, Dino reported several "conflicts" in the legal election format.

DINO'S CHARGES

He charged that the MASH Party was given accesss to student funds to help their campaign. And he accused the Niagara News of biased reporting, detrimental to the Triple E campaign.

Dino asserted that Hugo Bessems did not regulate and supervise all campaign activities and speeches, as required in the SAC constitution.

He charged that student identification was not required to be shown at polls. That meant students could misrepresent other

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FRED HABERMEHL

Discussion goes on despite union boycott

Despite a boycott of meetings by the teachers' union, a series of discussions last Tuesday between representatives of Niagara College and the Instructional Assignment Review Committee were "as good as any visit we've had so far," an IARC member said.

Michael Skolnik, committee chairman and a professor of higher education at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education in Toronto, was at the college with assistant Peter Stokes to gather information for the IARC in making "a comprehensive review of all aspects" of higher education. The visit to Niagara was one of similar visits to all 22 Ontario community colleges by the committee, which was formed by the Ontario Ministry of Education after last fall's teachers' strike to gather more information on issues of teacher workload, class size and the effects of assignment patterns on students. Committee members had visited 10 community colleges, most on a one-day-visit basis, before coming to Niagara.

Mr. Skolnik's day began with a morning presentation in the Hamilton Room, which was open to anyone in the college. The rest of the day was to be occupied by a series of separate, closed-door meetings with union representatives, randomly selected members of college faculty, student council, the college president and faculty representatives of the welding technician and general college programs. Information gathered in the confidential closed-door meetings will be analyzed by the IARC, and a report is to be issued by June 30.

NO GUARANTEES

Mr. Skolnik said the committee wanted to make "as objective an analysis as possible...I cannot make any guarantees or promises at all about what the government will do with the report."

The local president and executive of the Ontario Public Ser-

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INSIDE the NEWS

Focus

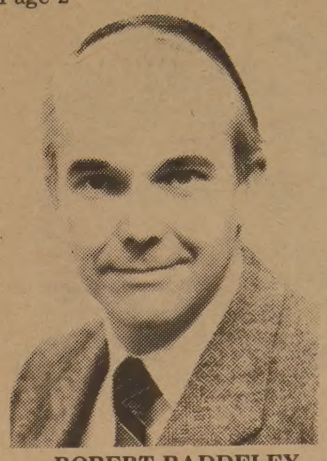
A year of hard work reached its climax at the 10th annual Technical Report Night in Niagara Falls April 25. Page 5.

Entertainment

The split personality Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde is getting a workout at the Theatre Centre. Students there are presenting the play, the final production of the year, from May 1 to 9. Page 7.

SADD

Pamphlets, posters, a gory film and a contract for life are to help curb student drinking and driving. Student council has initiated a Students Against Driving Drunk program with the help of a few friends. Page 3.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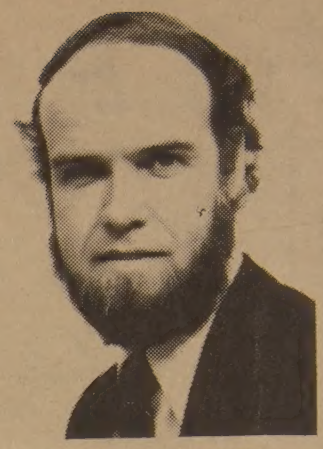
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GEORGE BLAZETICH

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Proposes merger of two schools

human services in applied arts, will have broadcasting—radio and television, fashion arts, interior design and interior decorating added to the list. They were formerly under D.J. Malone, chairman of communication and creative arts. Mr. Davies' other responsibilities are theatre arts, educational resource technician, human relations, library technician, labor studies and labor management, law and security administration, and social service worker.

Mr. Malone will retain the English division and journalism-print and acquire academic studies (post secondary) from Mr. Blazetich, general college and its fine arts option from Mr. Davies and health sciences preparatory from Mr. Baddeley.

Mr. Blazetich, in his move to technology, will take over four programs under the National Training Act: Basic Job Readiness Training, Natives in Transition (JRT[N]), Women into Trades and Technology, and Focus for Changes. He already had responsibility for horticultural technician, Basic Training for Skill Development, and English as a Second Language.

Miss Robarts told the meeting of about 70 applied arts administrators, faculty and support staff there would be no jobs lost in the re-organization.

She said the re-organization of the two schools into one — "a return to the way it was about 10 years ago" — could save the college about $125,000 next year.

Asked for the rationale in putting some of the programs under the same chairman, Miss Robarts said that the college's five-year plan indicated some consolidation of programs into centres. She cited the "creative arts" programs given to Mr. Davies.

Broadcasting, fashion arts and interior design have elements which bring them closer to theatre arts and make them a logical grouping for a creative arts centre. That proposal is a "number of years in the future" because the money is not available at this time.

In making her presentation to the applied arts staff, Miss Robarts said she was disappointed that some faculty went to members of the Board of Governors to express concern about what would happen to the School of Applied Arts. She said the President's Executive Council only learned of Mr. Giancarlo's decision to retire a short time before the PEC meeting April 25. The board met that same evening. A petition with 55 faculty signatures asking that faculty views on what should be done was presented to her just before PEC was to meet.

After being told of the re-organization plan, several faculty members expressed their approval of it, one complimenting the president and her staff for putting together the proposal in a short time.

New head librarian appointed at Niagara

A new head librarian has been appointed to Niagara College. Patricia J. Labonte, originally from Fonthill, will assume her new post July 2. The position has been vacant since the retirement last July of Stephen Kees who had been with the college since it opened in 1967.

Mrs. Labonte will provide the necessary leadership in general administration systems co-ordination, collection development and computerization to staff at all college library locations, Mr. Zanutto said.

Mrs. Labonte has a Bachelor of Science and a Master of Library Sciences degree. She has been working in British Columbia for the past 10 years.

Her most recent experience was as director with Oracle Information Associates Limited of Vancouver. This is a private company providing consulting services on database development and on-line information banks through personal computers.

She has also held positions with Cominco Limited in Vancouver as corporate librarian and supervisor of information research. From Cominco she went to the British Columbia Institute of Technology in Burnaby where she was projects and systems librarian, co-ordinator of public services and subject specialist librarian.

She is married and the mother of two children.

PARTICIPACTION
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After 11 years at college

George Cottrell is retiring

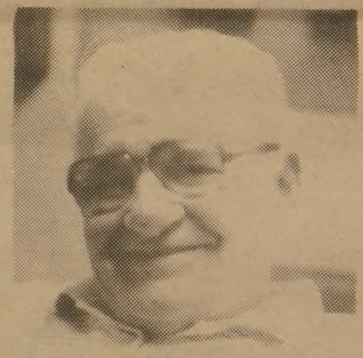
By L. SCOTT HILL
Staff Writer

When school starts again in September, the students will notice the absence of a friendly face. Behind this face lies the warmth of a man who has made long-term relationships with most of the students he has come into contact with over the years.

George Cottrell spends a great amount of time and energy bringing laughter to everyone he meets. Always ready to talk with people, he has an attitude and philosophy toward life which allows no room for seriousness.

"This is the most serious I've been all week," Mr. Cottrell said of this interview. "I prefer to joke and laugh with everyone; I can't take life seriously — it ends too soon."

"I'm going to miss the people here," he said. "It's hard to work with so many wonderful people and then leave."


GEORGE COTTRELL

Mr. Cottrell has been pleased to see the closeness that develops with the students.

"The harmony of the students and the staff is something that you can't find anywhere else. I've seen many students develop friendships that have blossomed and some have culminated in marriage."

His closeness with the students is demonstrated in the number of cards and letters he receives from graduates who think highly of this man. From time to time he even gets invited to their weddings.

During the April Athletics Banquet, he was awarded a beautiful silver tray by the athletes and staff in appreciation for his help and expertise. The award came as a complete surprise to him.

His plans for retirement are centred around travel and enjoying life with his wife, Mae. They have five children and eight grandchildren.

He is looking forward to the family picnic, a tradition that started with his parents, at a park near Alcott, N. Y.

"We're a very close-knit family, and this picnic is something that is rarely missed."

Always a philosopher, Mr. Cottrell has broken life down into a four-chapter book.

"The first chapter is childhood, a time to play and learn the three Rs. Chapter two is youth. During this time, a person prepares for middle age by going to college and so on. Then there is middle age when preparations are made for retirement by working and saving for the future."

George considers his retirement as entering into his final chapter which he entitles "Leisure time."

After working for 50 years of his life, Mr. Cottrell is ready for the enjoyment and relaxation that his fourth chapter is about to bring.

"A long chapter, I hope," he said.

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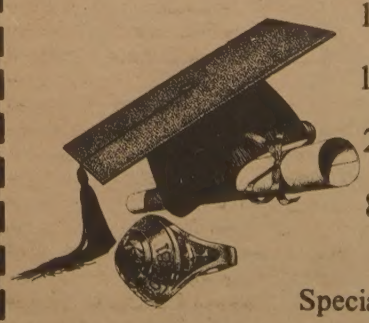

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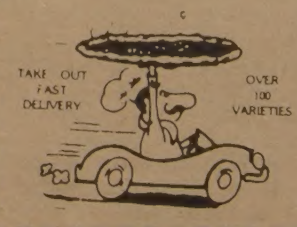

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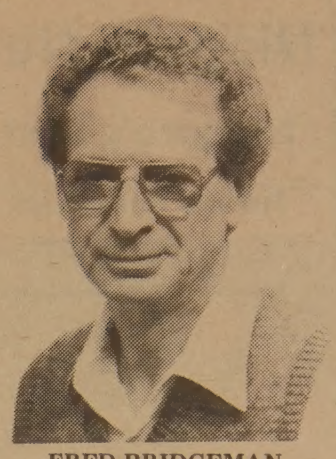

FRED BRIDGEMAN

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JAN POTTON

Roving Reporter

The proposal from the President's Executive Council is that the School of Applied Arts and the School of Health Sciences be brought together under Fred Habermehl as dean, with some changes in the responsibility among the chairmen. A few Applied Arts faculty comment on the proposed changes.

Erika Church, teaching master, English: I'm personally pleased at the proposal, and feel it was a proposal which reflects a consideration or sensitivity to individuals' strengths and talents. The decision to unite the two schools is a viable one. In fact, history is repeating itself for they once existed as one school. Fred is an excellent choice as the dean. He has the qualities and experience to do a good job. I know he will be welcomed warmly by the faculty and the chairmen.

Joe Kelly, teaching master, English: At first glance the reorganizational proposal looks good. I'm pleased that my chairman, Dennis Malone, remains the same. We hope that his new, added responsibilities will make him as accessible to the students and the staff as in the past. However, we trust the savings made through the re-organization will maintain staffing requirements and their working conditions.

Fred Bridgeman, teaching master, educational resource technician and library technician: Changes are inevitable and you have to learn to accept changes as they come. It's hard to predict if this change will be good. I feel it has merit and only time will tell if it works. I feel that the president has to seize opportunities as they come along and that faculty must adjust to the changes with a positive and receptive attitude. Society is made up of change and you must learn to accept change; that goes for old and young alike.

Eileen Muir, fashion arts instructor: I am extremely pleased because I feel these changes can be achieved very smoothly. In my own program, I like the positive, forward thinking proposal for grouping the creative programs in one division. Obviously, the reorganization has been well thought out and carefully planned in a short time period. I think everyone in Applied Arts appreciates how quickly this proposal was presented to us.

Jan Potton, psychology instructor: I am very pleased that Fred (Habermehl) was chosen; he is a fine person. I am pleased that the school is together and intact, but disappointed that George Blazetitch is leaving the main campus; he is a great teacher. Because I am a nurse, I am glad that the Schools of Applied Arts and Health Sciences will be together under the same dean. With the opportunity to save money, this is the best proposal for the school.

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Tapes Blossom show for across Canada

Niagara's live television coverage of the Blossom Parade festival last weekend will be rebroadcast on tape delay from coast to coast.

Keith Lindberg, manager of the Niagara College media department, directed the broadcast which was seen live on the Armstrong and MacLean-Hunter cable networks on Saturday at 10 a.m. from Queen Victoria Park, Niagara Falls.

Mr. Lindberg said the tape delay program will be seen in eight provinces with a potential viewing audience of five million.

Last year Rogers cable in Toronto aired the taping which was seen in such cities as Toronto, Oshawa, Kitchener, London and Hamilton. This year's expansion was created when Niagara College and the Niagara Promotions Association sent letters to television stations throughout Canada, Mr. Lindberg said.

Many cities responded, saying they would like the taped telecast. Such cities include Victoria, Calgary and Edmonton, Winnipeg and Charlottetown, P. E. I.

The Media Services department began coverage of the Blossom Parade in 1975 to "promote the city of Niagara Falls," but it also "promotes Niagara College," Mr. Lindberg said.

The program, produced by the media centre, was assisted by second and third-year radio and television students.

Di and Frank Proctor, of CKTB radio, St. Catharines, were the co-hosts, while Kathy Tymoshuk, a third-year television broadcasting student, covered interviews.

The telecast will be shown again Wednesday, May 8, at 9 p.m. and Friday, May 10, at 7:30 p.m.

Raises $2,335 for Update

Through combined efforts, the Niagara College community will be contributing $2,335 to Operation Update - Welland Hospital Fundraising Campaign.

From the Student Administrative Council came $200, from the Student Chapter of the Ontario Health Records Association $200, and from the barbecue, with the assistance of Niagara Frontier Caterers, $325. Individual staff members donated a total of $1,610.

Foster J. Zanutto, director of Information Services, expressed thanks to all who helped.

SADD introduces Contract for Life

A Students Against Driving Drunk (SADD) program was set up at Niagara College last week to educate students on the growing problem of drinking and driving.

A "gory film" on the subject, provided by the provincial government, was obtained through the Niagara Regional Police in St. Catharines, Tony Dellaventura, vice-president of internal affairs, said. The film was shown to students last Tuesday and Thursday.

Pamphlets and posters were provided by the Research Addiction Foundation which arranged contact with the police and WIVB, Channel 4 in Buffalo, was instrumental in helping Tony get the program started. Channel 4 sent Tony copies of a "contract for life" and the name of a school in Buffalo where a similar program operates.

The contract for life is a contract between parents and children or between friends, who promise to "seek safe and sober transportation home...walk or stay the night."

Tony wants to start a button campaign to promote the idea of a "party driver." The party driver, wearing an appropriate button, would be responsible for driving and would not drink alcoholic beverages, he said. Tony would like to take the campaign to Welland and seeks the cooperation of bar owners on the idea. The party driver should be able to get free non-alcoholic drinks and ensure that everybody gets home safely, he said.

RTV takes awards

A third-year Niagara College radio student won top honors at CBC's fifth annual Telefest competition at Castle Convention Centre in Toronto last week. Larry Kathy Tymoshuk produced the winning entry in radio's long documentary category. Called The Middlescent Man, Kathy's entry takes a sensitive look at the male mid-life crisis. It will be featured in an upcoming special on CBL radio.

Second place awards in the long documentary category for film went to Cal Coons and Darrel MacDonald with their feature, Long Point, A Diamond in the Rough. The film was produced for the Long Point Conservation Authority. Cal and Darrel were film graduates in 1984.

A promotional film on the Lincoln County Board of Education earned third place in the long documentary category for film. The film was produced by third-year student Steve Belanger and directed by third-year film student John Hektor.

In the non-documentary division, Nick Hector and John Nemeth placed second with their presentation of The Release, a story of a troubled youth.

Highlights of the event will be broadcast on CBLT, Channel 5, May 15, at 7 p.m.

SAC helps African village

There is a village in Upper Volta, Africa, that is being sponsored in part by Niagara College SAC. For the first time, SAC is sponsoring an organization that provides aid to small settlements to make improvements in their lifestyles, Susan Maracle, vice-president of external affairs, said.

Through an organization called Cansave, of which Jeanne Suave, the Governor General, is the honorary chairman, Niagara College SAC is helping sponsor a community in Upper Volta for one year, she said. Though SAC's external affairs makes donations to charities from a budget allowance, they have not previously had overseas involvement of this kind "to the best of my knowledge."

Susan said she decided to fund Cansave for several reasons: problems with a planned single child sponsorship program; personal past involvement with the organization; and the discovery that the cost was not any more than a child sponsorship. To help sponsor a village for one year, SAC made a contribution of only $200.

HELPS PROJECTS

Cansave helps villages in Third World nations by giving them financial aid for projects, she said. Depending on how great the need is or how many sponsors help, Cansave sends from $5,000 to $20,000 to communities.

A pamphlet explained the organization's main objective is to help villages become self-sufficient. This is done through self-help projects in two major sectors, agricultural development and primary health care. Cansave self-help programs in Upper Volta and other Third World countries attack the causes of poverty, rather than the effects.

SAC allows $2,000 for charity donations. In 1984 and '85 Susan has contributed to: the Welland Hospital campaign; the United Way; Cystic Fibrosis; the Kidney Foundation; the Ontario March of Dimes; and UNICEF; and arranged for handicapped and retarded persons to attend a circus sponsored by the St. Catharines Minor Hockey Circus Fund at the Garden City Arena.

A volunteer for the organization herself Susan said she knows of only three or four other volunteers in the Niagara Peninsula. She is hoping a visit from the Ontario Regional Director for Cansave, Joan Summers, at a SAC barbeque planned for last Thursday would help to promote it.

NIAGARA

EDITORIALS

Don't cry over...

Election campaigns can bring out the best in everybody.

A report in the April 30 edition of the Globe and Mail said two samples of milk taken from Niagara-area dairies two years ago by the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture were found to contain levels of PCBs higher than the allowable limit. One sample was more than 16 times the 200 parts per billion limit.

What did the goverment do with these findings two years ago? Nothing.

Had it not been for the recent Kenora PCB spill, which increased public awareness of the toxin, the findings would have grown old with the carpet under which they were swept. Thankfully, the ministry decided last week to act on the findings. Of course, that was not the only thing that happened last week. Thursday was election day, and before Thursday, Frank Miller and the Conservatives were not exactly winning rave reviews in the public opinion polls.

Last week is ancient history. Thursday has come and gone; the election is completed.

And it could be five more years before the public hears what happened to Niagara milk research.

Sean Condon

Watch for bikes

With the coming of summer, bicycles are becoming a common sight on our city streets. Also more noticeable are the increasing number of articles about bike riders being injured by motorists.

According to the Ontario driver's handbook, bicycles have just as much right to the road as do cars. Yet many drivers fail to give any room when passing bikes.

Most of the people driving cars have, at one time in their lives, ridden a bike on city streets. Therefore, it can be reasonable to expect them to understand the hazards of riding bicycles in traffic.

Rocks, manhole covers, railroad tracks and uneven pavement shoulders can spell disaster for anyone on a bike. For this reason, motorists should be wary when passing, in case the bike rider has to veer out into traffic in order to avoid one of these obstacles.

On the other hand, those who are operating a bicycle in traffic should realize that any approaching motorist may not be thinking of what it is like to ride a bike. In this case a little planning is needed to prevent a possible accident. If a rider must veer out into traffic for any reason, a quick glance over your shoulder can mean the difference between getting to where you are going and getting into an accident.

This sort of message may be a little time worn, but as long as people are getting hit while riding bicycles, it will need repeating. It only takes a little common sense. After all, safety is a two-way street.

L. Scott Hill

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Niagara River in flood

Spring is here, but travellers along the Niagara River would never know it. The ice flowing from Lake Erie keeps the average temperature 10 degrees lower than places away from the shoreline.
Photo by Angela Colosimo

Up, up and away!

By ELLEN RODGER
Staff Writer

All winter they are forgotten, lying on the back shelves of corner variety stores. In the spring they migrate from their dusty realm out into the crisp clean winds to populate the skies.

The art of kite flying is a popular pastime that goes back thousands of years. "It's quite a big sport in England, and the southern states and it seems to be overflowing into Canada," Marie Lounsberry, manager of The Hobby Shop in St. Catharines, said.

Adults as well as children are flying kites in the warmer weather. A good kite does not have to cost a fortune. Ordinary "bat type" kites can be found at most variety and department stores.

The Hobby Shop sells kites ranging from $5 to $50.

QUALITY IMPROVES

"In the last few years better quality kites are going better," Mrs. Lounsberry said. "Most people are getting into stronger nylon kites that are going to last."

Kites are no longer simple black plastic creations. The better kites are stronger, made to withstand heavier winds. Many are now made of rip stop nylon spinnaker, or mylar and can be launched from hand by one person. Kites are categorized according to string or the stronger the wind the stronger the spring.

Inventors can create their own kites with relative ease. "Kite making is becoming something of a hobby or a project; teachers and cub leaders often come in for materials," Mrs. Lousberry said. The hobby shop keeps nylon and tyvec kite material for kite makers; they also sell bamboo supports, twine and spools.

Letters to the Editor

Dean congratulates

Dear Editor:

As the students prepare the final issue of the paper for this academic year, may I extend to you and all the students, my sincere thanks for the service you have rendered to the college through the production of the Niagara News and First Edition.

I congratulate you and thank you and the many students, past and present, who have gathered stories about College activities and presented them is such an interesting and professional manner. Under your direction, Austin, Barbara, and Gordon, the students have kept the college community thoroughly informed of the significant and interesting events that have taken place at Niagara College. You have strived always to maintain the highest journalism standards and in doing so, have provided these students with the best educational training possible in the field of journalism. As a result, Niagara's Journalism program has become, in my opinion, the best program of its kind in Canada. The placement of our graduates and their successes in the field confirm this fact.

May I congratulate you and your students on the wonderful record that you have established and express my very best wishes for your continued success in years to come.

I. J. Giancarlo
Dean, School of Applied Arts

Good luck to all

Dear Editor,

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all my best to those students who will not be returning to the college next year.

Good luck, especially to those students graduating and moving on to pursue their careers.

Through the year some special friendships are made and I would like these students to know they will be missed.

Rita Munro
Cafeteria attendant

New SAC member to be chosen

Interviews were held May 1 for the position of SAC activities programmer at Niagara College. Eight applications were received and four applications were chosen for interviews.

The full-time position will pay about $15,000 over a nine-month period. Students will not have to pay extra fees to provide this salary, but next year's student activity fee will increase by $5 to compensate for inflation, Susan Maracle, vice-president of external affairs, said.

The college administration agreed to let the Student Administrative Council hire an activities programmer on a trial basis for the 1985-86 year.

The hiring committee made up of two SAC executive from this year, and one member of the administration includes: John Turner, president of SAC; Ken Winer, elected SAC vice-president of internal affairs; Susan Maracle, SAC vice-president of external affairs 1984-85, and Sandra Fox, administrative assistant to Gary LaRose, executive director of administrative services.

Focus on technology

Brian Beisheuvel tells how his combustible gas monitor works.

Tom Earl explains his device for testing antennas.

Dennis Nikkel describes his printer multiplexing network.

IEEE presents student projects at annual technical report night

By ELAINE TROJAN
Staff Writer

Five third-year computer electrical electronics engineering students presented the results of a year's worth of hard work Thursday, April 25, at the Park Motor Hotel in Niagara Falls. It was the 10th annual Technical Report Night to be presented by the Niagara College student branch of the IEEE (The Institute of Electrical, Electronics Engineers).

Technical Report Night is a chance for the third-year students to present the reports that they were required to complete before graduating. The purpose of the reports is to prepare graduates for the type of work they will encounter in industry. The second-year students were also invited to get an idea of what will be expected of them in their third year.

Alarm

The first project presented was a combustible gas monitor and alarm system. Brian Biesheuvel designed a unit to detect levels of combustible gases in the air and to sound an alarm if the levels are unacceptable. To demonstrate, a butane lighter was held to the unit and the alarm sounded. The same results were obtained when a student was recruited to drink a shot of whisky and breathe on the unit. It will be used in labs around Niagara College, and has a potential use in garages, workrooms, and other places where a combustible gas may be present.

Tom Earl explained the operation of a computer-controlled anechoic chamber for testing antennas. It is a vacuum chamber which eliminates interference that may affect the accuracy of the testing.

Dennis Nikkel's project was a printer multiplexing network. This device can select output from several computers and send it to a printer.

Phil Riegle explained the operation of devices used to divert the flow of electricity from lightning hitting power lines, such as overhead ground wires and lightning arresters.

Greg Tennier demonstrated an octave real-time spectrum analyzer. In plain English, this is a device that puts frequencies on LED display.

Telegram

Congratulatory telegrams from the Hamilton branch of the IEEE, as well as the student chapter at McMaster University and a branch from St. John's, Nfld., were read commending the Niagara College branch on their 10th annual technical report night.

James Mallory was the master of ceremonies and Larry Vaughan and Ed Neethling were responsible for organizing the event. This is the first time the event has been held off campus and both students said that the response was positive.

The IEEE at Niagara is the third largest student chapter in Canada and the largest club in the school.

ID students create study models like those of professionals

By ELIZABETH LeREVEREND
Staff Writer

A lawyer wants to create a study in his home which can double as a place to interview clients. A young couple want to remodel one room in their older home to make a combination bath/exercise room. A company wants to make more efficient use of its office space and keep its non-smoking workers happy with better ventilation.

These are some of the situations second-year interior design students had to contend with while making study models as their end-of-term project.

In a one-hour slide presentation April 30, 22 students described their models and how they had treated the problems presented.

Each model is created from foam core, balsa wood and accessories from hobby shops, and follows an existing floor plan. In creating the models, the students put to practical use everything they have learned about the relationship between people and objects in space, and the effects of lighting on the space.

Lori Pavia, organizer of the presentation, explained that proper lighting can make or break an interior design. "The wrong lighting can completely ruin a design" by changing color and texture of the fixtures.

This type of presentation is similar to what the students will be doing as professionals, instructor Stan Szaflarski said. Mr. Szaflarski, an architect, told the students they were "standing at the door of the interior design profession" and that their "ability and strength" are shown in their creations.

The design students have been planning the models since January and they cost each student between $40 and $90 to make.

Big Brothers

Helping young boys

By MARIE CHAMBERLAND
Staff Writer

Mike Glazier, 27, is an exceptional man who has transformed his gratitude to the greater Niagara Big Brothers Association into an enhancement of a young boy's life.

Mr. Glazier was a little brother for eight years, until the age of 16. Because his parents had separated shortly after the birth of him and his twin sister, Mr. Glazier's mother felt her son might benefit from adult male companionship.

Fond memories surround the eight-year relationship between Mr. Glazier, his big brother, and the big brother's son. In addition to weekly involvement with athletic activities, he was taken to Expo 67 in Montreal by his big brother. He said such experiences gave him a chance to see how men socialize, which was important to a boy living in a house full of women.

Two years ago, Mr. Glazier, now a mechanic, was contacted by the Niagara Falls branch of Big Brothers.

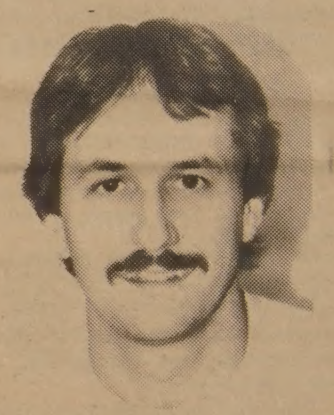
"My big brother spent lots of time with me, and I wanted to give that caring back to society," he said. After a series of interviews to determine compatibility, Mr. Glazier was matched with 11-year-old Peter.

Peter and Mr. Glazier spend one day a week together. Activities range from attending hockey games, to doing work around Mr. Glazier's house.

"When I first met Peter he couldn't even hammer a nail," Mr. Glazier said. "Last week he helped me cut down a tree with a chainsaw."

Peter's first suit was worn on the occasion of Mr. Glazier's wedding last year. He is becoming aware of material things, Mr. Glazier said. "Now I have to teach him how to work for them."

In addition to a day job, and the time he spends with Peter, Mr. Glazier's vibrant energy has led



MIKE GLAZIER

him to attend night classes at Niagara, for a certificate in management labor relations.

Learning is a two-way street in their relationship. "I didn't have a dad," Mr. Glazier said, "so I don't know how to be one. But I'm learning how to handle discipline — and my temper.

While Mr. Glazier stresses the length of time it took for Peter to "open up" to him, Pat Chamberland, a social worker for the Niagara Falls Big Brother office, said the change in Peter has been remarkable. She said when Peter came in for his first interview, he was obviously hyperactive. He has since gathered self-confidence and now actually sits still.

The Niagara Falls office now has 141 boys assigned to big brothers, with seven on a waiting list. Mrs. Chamberland said extravagant spending on the little brothers is not encouraged, because money cannot substitute for the value of friendship.

The organization is always in need of men over 18, willing to spend at least three hours per week with a boy. A minimum commitment of one year is preferred. If the relationship must be terminated for reasons beyond control, Mrs. Chamberland said it is imperative the reasons be made clear to the little brother. Otherwise he may feel the same rejection he experienced with an absentee father.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Young-at-heart couple seeks adventure at Niagara

By DOLORES IANNANTUONO
Staff Writer

When one has sat in the same derby box as Queen Elizabeth, visited Grace Kelly and been on Family Feud, what else is there to do?

Well, for 79-year-old Lillian Phillips and her 85-year-old husband Kenneth, of Welland, the only thing left to do was to continue their education at Niagara.

"We feel so fortunate to be able to take advantage of Niagara at our ages," Lillian said enthusiastically. "You know in my mother's time this would have been impossible."

Two years ago, Lillian's 20 grandchildren decided to give her a Commodore 64 computer for Christmas. She became so interested in it that she finally decided to take some part-time computer courses at Niagara.

Kenneth thought the idea was great and decided to take a course himself. He is taking a course in stained glass, Lillian explained cheerfully. "We're both kept busy with homework."

Homework

Now it's homework, but in earlier days Lillian and Kenneth were kept busy doing exciting things that most people can only dream about.

In 1980 the couple, with three other members of their family were on Family Feud. "Richard Dawson is a darling and he's nice to kiss too," she recalled with a twinkle in her eye.

Together the couple has visited Grace Kelly and during a trip to England, husband and wife were separated and Lillian accidently ended up watching races with Queen Elizabeth from her derby box.

DR. and MRS. KENNETH M. PHILLIPS

How could anyone possibly get close to the Queen, let alone sit with her? Lillian explained that it happened by sheer coincidence. She was in the stables looking at horses when the Queen walked in. Of course she was surrounded by security guards but Lillian somehow squirmed through them. She was not really aware of what she was doing, she just wanted to see the horses. Once the Queen started moving, however, she had to, too, because she was surrounded by guards.

Before marrying Kenneth she was a reporter. She worked for the Montreal Star and Vancouver Sun, just to name a few.

With a devilish grin on her face she told of one of her funniest experiences in the business. "It was the time I had to do an article on a nudist colony. It was in Fenwick and I must say it was one of the funniest experiences of my life."

"Of course, once I married I stopped working. That's how it was at that time, but when I ask Kenneth about it, he says I never asked him to work."

It would seem that the Phillips have had wonderful experiences, but Lillian humbly, yet sincerely, said "Nothing wonderful has happened to me except for my darling children."

Future

What does the future hold for this young-at-heart couple? What other exciting and intriguing expeditions are they planning?

For now all seems quiet on the home front. Both will complete their courses and Lillian said, "I would like to find out how much of an advantage it is to have a computer in a housewife's kitchen. How efficient it is with recipies and Christmas lists because I know we're coming into a computer world, but there is one thing a computer can never do and that's take the place of my kind and loving husband."

Dublin City's U2 has come a long way

By SEAN CONDON
Staff Writer

Ireland's U2 has come a long way since the release of its first album, Boy, five years ago.

The band has an LP, The Unforgettable Fire, making a healthy appearance in Top 20 charts across North America, and it has graduated from playing bars to selling out arenas like Toronto's Maple Leaf Gardens, where the foursome played to a packed house in March.

"Well, it's a long way from the El Mocambo," lead singer Bono Vox said as the band members took their positions on the Gardens' stage. The El Mocambo Tavern is the 285-seat club where U2 made its first Toronto appearance in 1980. For the next two hours, the band demonstrated why it has the ability to fill a 16,000-seat arena in 1985.

Politics

U2 performed songs from all five of its albums, many of the songs having a political edge. Seconds, a song about global warfare, was introduced by Bono as a "message to the prime minister, (a) message to the president." During the playing of Sunday Bloody Sunday, a non-partisan condemnation of the troubles in Northern Ireland, Bono lead the crowd in a chant of "No war! No war!" while bassist Adam Clayton, drummer Larry Mullen Jr. and guitarist/pianist The Edge kept up a steady marching beat.

The band displayed its most passionate side several times during the show.

Performance of the moving tribute to Martin Luther King Jr., MLK, turned the concert cliche of holding up lighters and matches into a meaningful occurrence. As the band played on, the small dots of flame held by the members of the silent, standing audience created the ambience of a candlelight vigil.

"We come from Dublin City. Dublin City is not always a fair city," was part of Bono's spoken preamble to Bad, a song about heroin addiction. He spoke of youths "just like me and just like you" in the Irish capital who are addicted to the drug. Halfway through Bad, Bono picked a teenage girl from the audience and led her in a slow, tender dance before kissing her softly on the hand and escorting her from the stage into the crowd. The audience roared approval, and Bono finished the song with lines from Rolling Stones' Ruby Tuesday and Sympathy for the Devil, and a verse from the Beatles' Norwegian Wood.

Surprise

A band with a reputation for spontaneity, U2 saved its biggest surprise for the first encore number, a rendition of Bob Dylan's Knockin' on Heaven's Door.

After asking if anyone in the audience played guitar, Bono pulled an excited young man from the crowd. The newest member of the band strummed along in rhythm with the other players, eventually getting the chance to solo and sing the chorus of the song.

The young man laid the guitar on the stage at the song's end and, in a gesture that drew laughter and applause from the crowd, Bono jumped on the youth and hugged him, clamping his legs around the young man's hips. The young man carried Bono wildly across the stage before leaving it from the back, skipping away in excitement from his unforgettable experience.

Fifteen minutes, two songs and several ovations later, 16,000 excited people were leaving Maple Leaf Gardens through the front exits. The concert was over but those who had seen it were still cheering as they blocked traffic on Carlton Street in the front of the arena, rushing to get to cars and subways.

U2 had, indeed, come a long way.

Continuing education seminar

Key to getting message across breaking down mental barriers

BY AUDREY BARRICK
Staff Writer

If a message does not get across to a receiver, it is 100 per cent the fault of the sender, Candace Paris, a continuing education manager, told a seminar on April 25.

Close to 50 women and three men attended the seminar called "Did you really mean that?"

Mrs. Paris, a registered nurse, said she is not an expert on the subject of communication but she is interested in people and their interactions.

Using an overhead projector, Mrs. Paris presented a picture of a bow and arrow aimed at a target but a brick wall was in front of the target. The metaphor she used was the bow was the sender, the arrow the message and the target the receiver. Getting through the barrier was her central theme.

There are three sources of communication breakdown, Mrs. Paris said. They are misunderstanding, disagreement, and misinformation.

Misunderstanding results from actions speaking louder than words. People say one thing but they act another way. For instance, nervous people clear their throats, accepting people use touching gestures and frustrated people run their hands through their hair.

Another point in misunderstanding is a speaker talks at 150 words per minute but the speed of thought is 400 words per minute. Therefore, people listen with only 25 per cent accuracy.

Disagreement comes in three forms: productive, disruptive and hidden agenda. Productive disagreement is looking at what you did and asking what happens if? Mrs. Paris said. Disruptive disagreement works against and breaks down relationships. Hidden agenda is asking, what do they want to find out?

Mrs. Paris said people should always be able to retain their self-respect at the end of a disagreement.

Misinformation results from asking the wrong questions. Don't assume and don't feel embarrassed if you don't know the answer, Mrs. Paris said.

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Dr. Jekyll provides trip through time

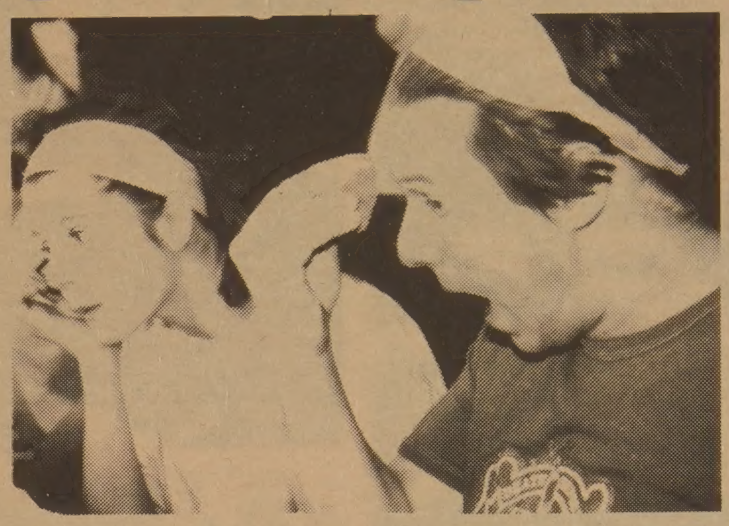
By MARIE SOKOLOSKI
Staff Writer

The Niagara College Theatre Centre's final production of the year, Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde, gives not only visual pleasure, but also takes the viewer on a trip back through time.

The play which opened last Wednesday night is based on Robert Louis Stevenson's 19th-century horror story about Dr. Jekyll, a refined gentleman living in England. His desires to live out his fantasies cause him to create a potion that will change his identity and personality, enabling him to roam the streets unidentified.

His alter ego becomes Mr. Hyde, a crazed, perverse character without morals. As his personalities begin to collide, he realizes that something must be done.

All of the cast performed admirably. However, there were some exceptional performances. Richard Enfield, played by Michael R. Guard, recreated a truly Victorian character. He spoke in a refined manner typical of the time. He made his other character Thomas realistic in his voice, tone and movement. The two totally different charcters adapted wonderfully.



Theatre students apply makeup

Lady Lanyon, played by Borja Brown, is the perfect lady who becomes shocked and disillusioned after discovering Dr. Jekyll's other identity.

The Strumpets added a touch of humor to this otherwise serious play.

Highlights of the play included the set, sound effects, special effects and costumes. The set included a street scene, a seedy dockside, complete with water and ripples and one of Dr. Jekyll's rooms.

Sound effects and music worked together to create a suitable atmosphere. Costumes, makeup and hair were very detailed, transforming young performers into turn-of-the-century civilians.

One effect that stood out was the attack scene by Mr. Hyde. When he attacked, the scene became slow motion, creating a dramatic effect.

Anyone unfamiliar with this story should be satisfied with this version; the premises on which he bases his deviation from Victorian respectability become all too plain in a scene in which he justifies his actions.

Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde will run at the Theatre Centre, Empire Street, in Welland, until May 9.

Summer hours

Niagara college bookstore summer hours will begin June 3.

From June 3 to Aug. 2, the bookstore will be closed all day Monday, Wednesday and Friday, opening Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:15 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Beginning Aug. 6, it will be open from 8:15 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Monday to Friday.

Regular hours will start again Sept. 16, opening on Wednesday from 8:15 a.m. to 12 noon and from 8:15 a.m. to 4:45 the rest of the week.

Empty lockers by May 10

One final reminder is being given from Ed Krikorian, building operations supervisor of the Welland campus.

"The students must remember to clean out their lockers and remove their locks when they leave school on May 10," Mr. Krikorian said.

Students try to leave the locks on their lockers in an attempt to reserve them for their return next year.

However, there will be students coming into the college for continuing education programs and others. These students will also require lockers.

First book for teacher

Compulsion to write pays off

By SANDRA LOCKHART
Staff Writer

Jo-Ann Baernstein is not sure why she writes. "It's just something that takes you over," the Niagara teacher said. "It's like a disease or a compulsion. somewhere you have this desperate hope that someone is going to read it and listen and become more human."

The part-time teacher at Niagara College will have her first book published this fall. "It is super to get published but I don't write for that reason," Miss Baernstein said.

The book, titled Poor Bitch Be Wise, is a collection of short stories about women who "just irresponsibly or innocently tell the truth and manage to create huge conflicts for others or themselves."

Nervous

One of the most popular courses Miss Baernstein teaches at Niagara is a creative writing course, even though she said, "I get nervous when people want to take my advice — I learn by trial and error."

"I'm just at the point where I know what the questions are — I don't know what the answers are at all."

Miss Baernstein has had stories published under the pseudonym Tsigne. She is battling with her publisher, Quadrant Press, as to whether she needs a last name on her book or not. She wants to use her pseudonym because she does not want to be typecast as "a Jewish American writer."

Miss Baernstein is happy that her book is published but she said, "It's not like wow, zowie, because there are so many books around."

"It's just exciting — not that big of a deal," Miss Baernstein said. "I think of it as a craft, the same thing as making a cabinet. You do your craft and do your best."

Neighborhoods at the Heart, is her next project. She is writing a book to show the character of her sister who died earlier this year. "It's about the rottenness of someone having to die at 45 when they've never done anything but good in their life," she said.

"If people cried, laughed about and knew the people" in her stories, Miss Baernstein would feel she had accomplished something. "It's just a dream — making people see something they have never seen before.

Her stories have been in Grain, a Saskatchewan magazine; Matrix, from Quebec; and three from Ontario, Quarry in Kingston, Hysteria in Kitchener, and Writer's Quarterly in Toronto.

Miss Baernstein started writing at the age of 30. "Late for most people," she said. "I was teaching all the time and didn't have time to think about it."

She left her job at Brock University and went to France to become a shepherd. "The only honest occupation you can have," she said. "Sheep aren't hypocrites."

Miss Baernstein's book is a collection of 13 stories. One is a novella about being housekeeper to a famous writer. "It is a comedy — like a comedy of errors," she said.

Excited

Miss Baernstein is excited about her book coming out in the fall and hopes it will be released in mid-September, near her birthday. Quadrant Press, of Concordia University will release her book as part of a 12-book women's series.

There is one thing that prevents Miss Baernstein from welcoming whole-heartedly the date when her book will be on the market. "One of the horrible things — you see I'm not a public person — will be doing something embarassing like sitting a bookstore and signing copies," she said. "I like watching people and writing about them.. but they frighten the hell out of me up close."

Miss Baernstein said the major reason she writes is "probably because I've been travelling around and seeing too much — the way people treat people. I either had to write or go crazy," she said. "I decided to write."

New chess club a chance to learn or improve skills

The Niagara College Chess Club was born last Wednesday with the formation of an executive, the approval of a constitution and plans for next year.

President of the new club is Mark Pleau and vice-president is Ron Mann.

The club will ask SAC for $200 so that treasurer Carl Blashill can buy some chess sets.

The end-of-the-year formation is to enhance participation in September. The club wants to provide opportunities for students who want to learn or develop their abilities to play chess.

Membership is open to all students attending the Welland campus and a membership is $1. Meetings will be held on the first Monday of every month at the Welland campus. Time and place will be decided by the executive.

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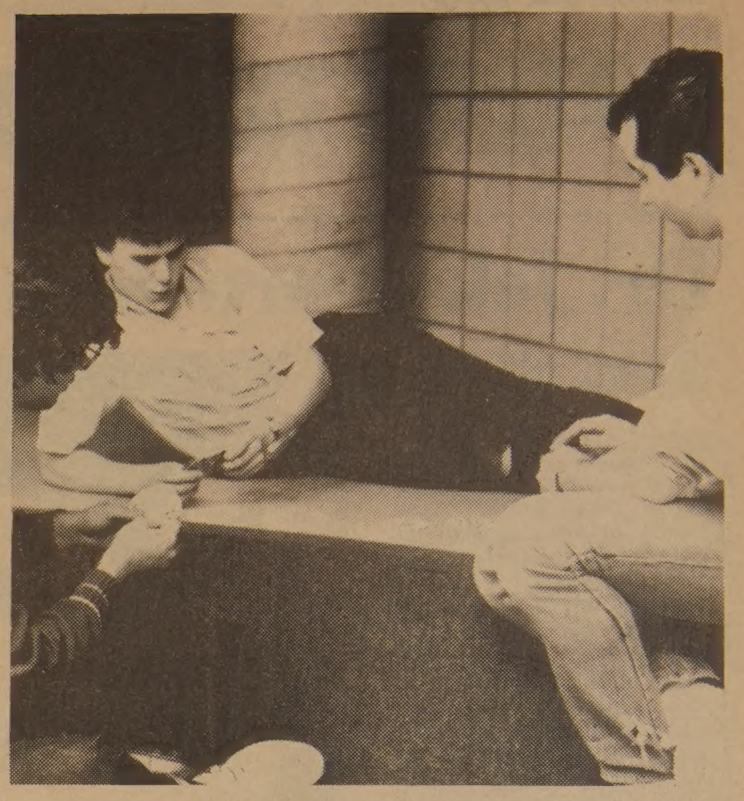
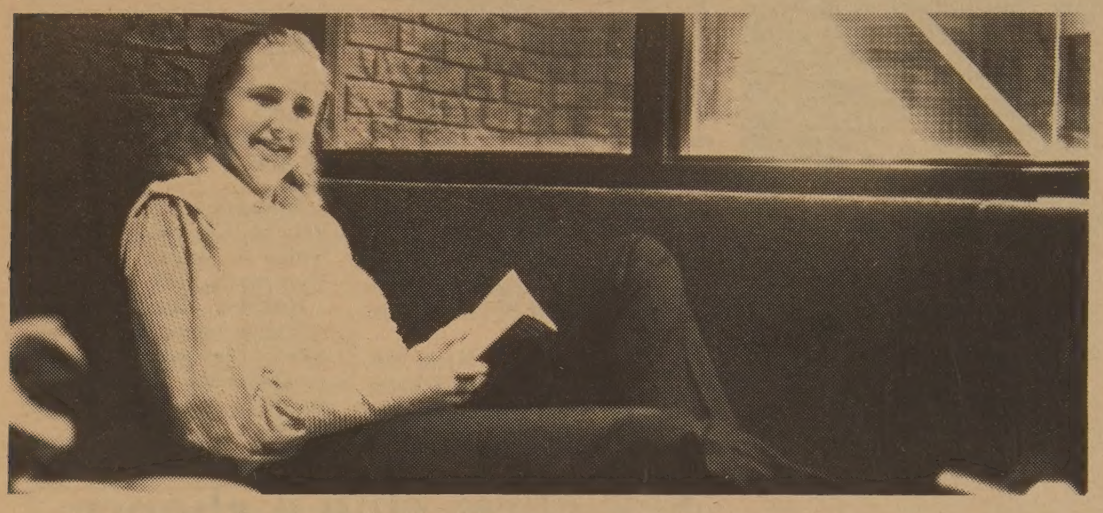
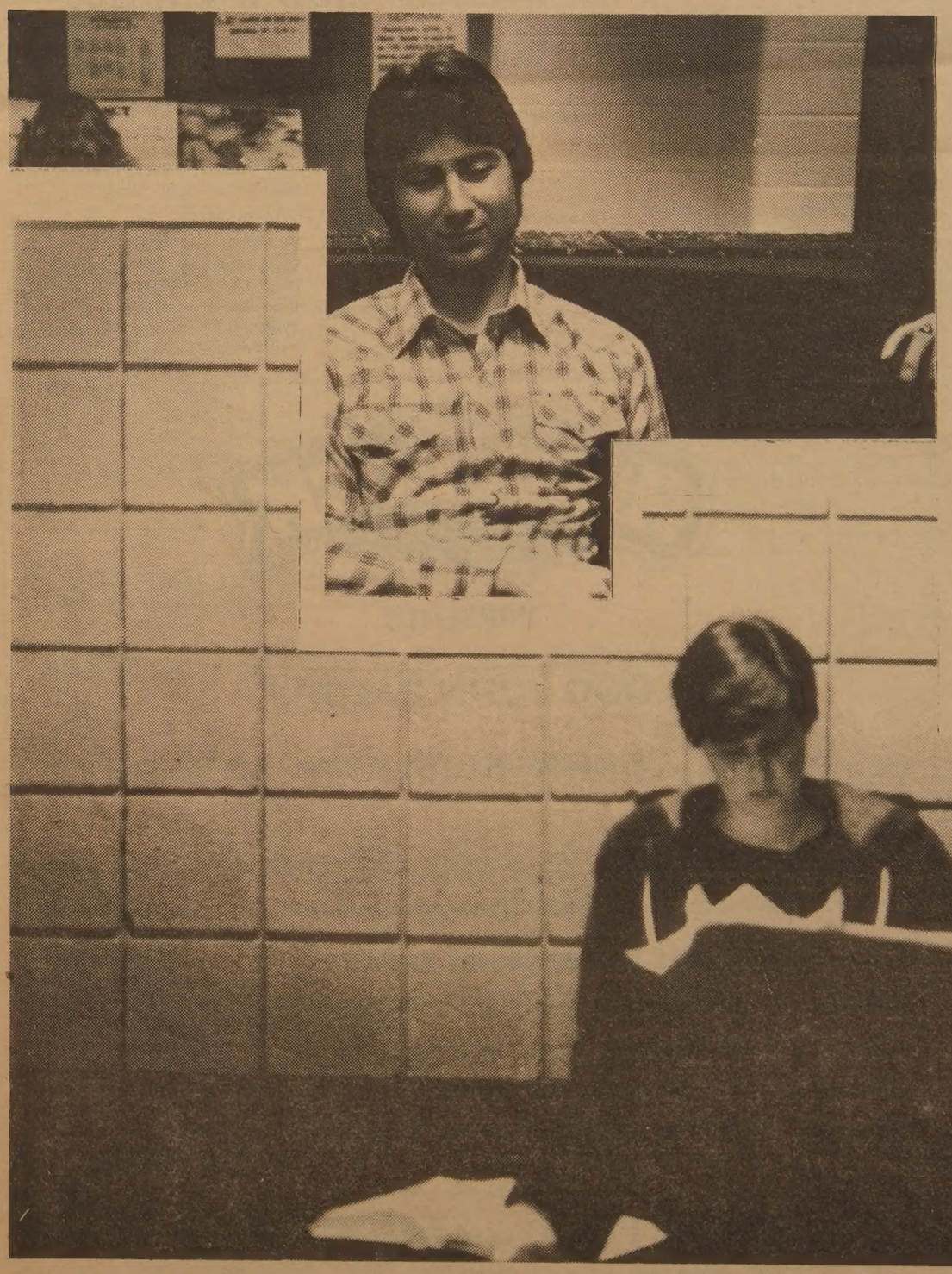
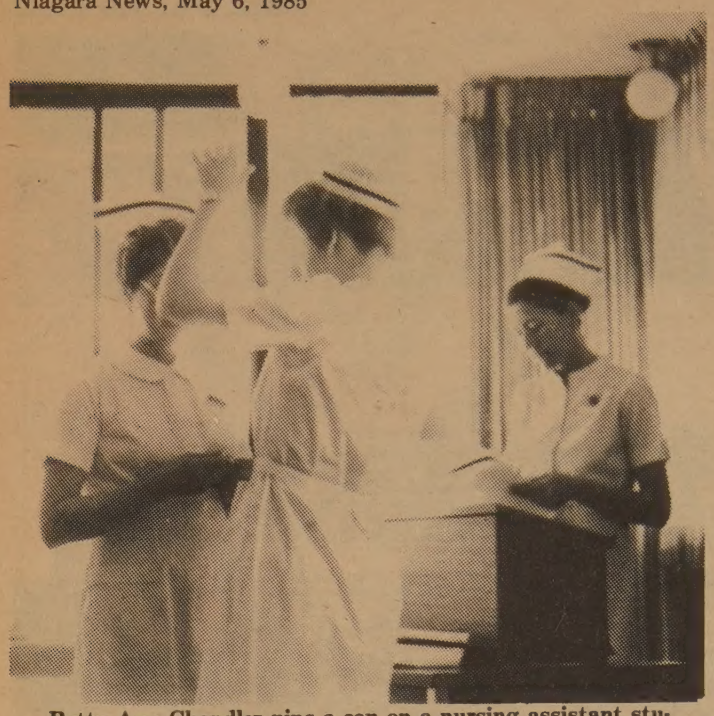






LEISURE

With the end of term just around the corner, students can be found preparing for exams, catching 40 winks or dealing those last few hands of cards as they take their leisure in campus lounges. In just a week, the same lounges will be empty and quiet, except for the last few students who are trying to beat the clock and get those last-minute assignments turned in. And even then, if the weather co-operates, the students may find it more enjoyable to sit in the sun before taking off to work the summer months.



Betty Ann Chandler pins a cap on a nursing assistant student. The men who successfully completed the first half of the program had stripes pinned on their shirts. When the students graduate, they will receive additional stripes to show that they are qualified nursing assistants.

Photo by Elaine Trojan

Halfway to their goal students are capped

Eight months of hard work have finally paid off for students of the Nursing Assistant program of Niagara College. They were presented with caps and ribbons April 16 as a symbol of their success in completing the first half of the program.

Since September 1984 the students, who are all employed at Welland County General Hospital as health care aides and orderlies, have fitted five school days into two and worked as many hours as possible on their jobs.

This program is a first for Niagara. Welland County General Hospital requested in 1984 that Niagara College train their health care aides and orderlies as nursing assistants. This upgrading will enable students to expand their limited job capabilities. One student, a health care aide, was qualified to work only in geriatrics. When she completes the program in October, she will be able to work in emergency, radiology, the laboratory, and many other areas of the hospital. The students' tuition, books, and uniforms are paid for by the Canada Employment Centre.

However, it has not been a free ride for the students. They have taken a 50 per cent cut in pay and they have to sacrifice personal and family time.

Betty Ann Chandler, a registered nurse and the principal teacher of the course, commended the students on their perseverance and caring attitude.

"They are a very determined group and I'm proud of them," she said.

One student said that despite the setbacks caused by the teachers' strike in October and all the sacrifices she has had to make, she would do it all over again. She echoed the feelings of most of the students when she said, "The program is a godsend."

Tech licences positive step: Rowbottom

Graduate engineering technologists will be eligible to be licensed in the same way as professional engineers giving them the ability to stamp and certify a technical drawing. This means putting their name and reputation behind every drawing they do.

"This is the biggest thing that's happened since students started in technology," George Rowbottom, chairman of the manufacturing, mechanical, and construction division,said

Licensing graduates of the program is a positive step towards strengthening the professional status of Engineering Technologists in Ontario.

Mr. Rowbottom explained that before being licensed technologists were allowed to do only certain types of work. With a limited licence, technologists can now do jobs previously done by engineers only.

For an engineering technologist to become licensed, he must gain 10 years experience in the field, working within a large organization, such as General Motors or Stelco.

It is the first time technologists have been given professional status.

Technologists will not do all jobs done by engineers but their job levels will be overlapping.

Better eating habits for staff and students

By MICHELLE MUYLAERT
Staff Writer

Several fidgety people sat waiting the ultimate test. When their name was called they stalked warily to meet their impending doom. With bated breath they stepped on to the scale and faced the moment of truth.

Cries of delight and groans of disappointment could be heard from the health centre as the weekly weigh-in began for the Weight Watchers program at Niagara College.

Niagara is the first college in the area to offer the eight-week At Work program to its staff and students.

The program suggests a four-way approach to weight control consisting of a food plan, a self-management plan, a personal exercise plan and group support. Perserverance is a key factor and the menus give new meaning to the phrase "never say diet."

"This is not a diet, it is a food program, a way of life," Jo-Anne Larman, Weight Watchers' lecturer, said. "Our objective is to teach people better eating habits."

SETS OWN GOAL

Each person in the group sets a goal weight himself and begins step one with a seven-day menu planner. The program continues in a series of steps adding additional variety and calories to the meals as weight is lost.

Many of the people involved in the program have been the victims of popular diets which promise total health and quick weight loss.

"There is no such thing as a miracle diet," Mrs. Larman said. "Weight Watchers is the authority. We offer people a chance at permanent weight loss without forfeiting nutrients essential for good health. The slower you take the weight off, the longer it stays off."

One of the most important parts of the Weight Watchers program is the maintenance plan. This is given to a person who has achieved permanent goal weight. If he completes six weeks on the maintenance plan, and is no more than two pounds above goal weight, he becomes a lifetime member and can attend Weight Watchers meetings anywhere at no extra charge.

There are a number of meetings in the St. Catharines area members can attend, and Mrs. Larman said she would like to continue her program at Niagara College through the summer.

Construction engineering student teaches practical work skills

By RENE MCKNIGHT
Staff Writer

Because they were isolated in a classroom situation, the construction engineering technicians decided to try an experimennt which would give them hands-on experience in their field as well as prepare them for summer jobs. John Koeman, a second- year student, now tutors his peers each Saturday as students learn basic construction skills.

The course, taught at Niagara College's masonry and carpentry pre-apprentice school on Carlton Street, St. Catharines, has been a success so far, Mr. Koeman said.

The emphasis of the 10-week program is on doing practical work. The Saturday program from 9 a.m. to 2.p.m. usually has about 15 students from first, second and third year, who come out to learn basic carpentry skills, he said.

Mr. Koeman and another student, Barry Horne, are the instructors of the weekend workshops because they have had experience in the field. He is a qualified journeyman carpenter who has been working for seven years.

LEAD TO JOBS

While the program is directed at developing skills in the carpentry area, the instructors are hoping that summer jobs for students will result.

"The skills taught here could help a student land a summer job, but we don't teach in-depth carpentry," he said. "If they do get jobs working with a carpenter then they will learn the finer points," he said.

"The guys are improving each week and are really enjoying themselves," he said.

Projects the students have worked on have ranged from building a wood joint to a sawhorse and woodshed. Everything built will be sold by the students. The money will pay for the building supplies, Mr. Koeman said.

Students in construction engineering technology do not need carpentry skills for their jobs but they do deal with carpenters a lot in the work. The experimental classes will provide them with an understanding of carpentry.

Home-sitters for hire

By SANDRA KISH
Staff Writer

"You get peace of mind when away from your home," is the motto of a new home-sitter and property management business recently opened in Port Colborne.

For $7 a visit, Terry and Diana Chupa, 59 Olga St. , of ProMan Enterprises, will watch homes while owners are away. They will give it a lived-in look to help prevent vandalism and theft, and check daily to ensure nothing mechanically fails in the home while it is empty.

More permanent arrangements can be made for persons gone for extended periods of time. The Chupas said they will act as landlords in the owner's stead and screen tenants carefully. By taking over the responsibility of home care this service is good for people such as retirees wintering in the south, or those getting transferred.

TAKES 20 MINUTES

Mr. Chupa said a $7 visit takes about 20 minutes and involves a checklist which includes a search on the outside of the home for signs of forced entrance, yard and garage check, a house inspection of all doors and windows, furnance and water heater, pipes, fuse box, freezer and fridge, and care of plants and animals.

Yardwork, watering and mowing in summer and snow removal in winter, are extras for which there is a charge on an hourly basis, Mr. Chupa said.

Clients take the Chupas through the home before leaving to explain where everything is and outline what should be taken care of while they are gone. A contract is signed, clients leave an address where they can be contacted and the name of some other person to get in touch with in the event of problems or a break-in. Police are called in the event of vandalism or theft.

Terry and Ciana said they are not a security organization. Break-ins are beyond their control, and they cannot be held responsible unless it is due to carelessness on their part. ProMan's function is only to try to prevent the entry by the appearance they provide to maintain home and pets while owners are gone.

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Attendants work on patient at Seaway Mall

Passers-by inspect ambulance on display

Emergency phone number focus of ambulance students' display

The ambulance and emergency care program put on a weekend display at the Seaway Mall in April to increase public awareness about emergency care procedures and the importance of establishing a 911 emergency telephone number.

The display late last month covered all aspects of emergency care, including cardio pulmonary resuscitation, or CPR. An important point is to make the public aware of the importance of establishing the 911 emergency telephone number, Dave Dolomont, ambulance student, said. Everyone should know this number: children, the deaf, handicapped and tourists. The number would put the public in contact with police, fire and ambulance.

The display April 19 and 20 was sponsored by the Student Administrative Council, continuing education, student services and information services.

The Vial of Life is a plastic container, containing a sticker, and a piece of paper on which all family members' medical history can be recorded. The sticker can be placed in the refrigerator or the glove compartment of the car. A container with the medical information is placed inside. In an emergency, rescuers see the sticker and can find the life-saving information.

Emphasis was put on the donation of blood and organs. Margaret Keatings of the multiple organ retrieval and exchange program was on hand to answer the questions on organ donation. Mrs. Keatings hoped the display would increase the public's awareness about organ donation. She urged the public to sign donor cards and to discuss it with family members. There are always people waiting for organs and never enough donors. The most difficult organs to match are the liver and lungs: not only does the tissue have to match but they must also be about the same size.

Ambulance and emergency care is a one-year program. The students take a standard CPR course and a first aid course. They must have a class F driver's licence; after receiving their diploma from Niagara College they may write the Emergency Medical Care Assistants exam which fully qualifies them to take on the position of an ambulance driver.

Ride is deja vu for student

The events which intruded into the life of Louise Reilly, an Ambulance and Emergency Care student at Niagara College on Easter weekend, had a sense of deja vu for her.

Miss Reilly was taken by ambulance to a Toronto hospital Saturday, April 6. On Easter Sunday she underwent emergency surgery.

Since December, 1984, Miss Reilly, chairman of a six-member committee, had been working on an ambulance and emergency care display held at the Seaway Mall, Welland, in April.

On the committee with Miss Reilly were Ron Allen, Sharon McMichael, Basil Friolino, Richard Chandler, and Frank Adamson, co-ordinator of the ambulance and emergency care program at Niagara College.

The committee members expressed their regret at Miss Reily's unexpected absence.

Mr. Chandler said later that Miss Reilly has been re-admitted to St. Michael's hospital because of an infection. Her condition is described as serious.

DACUM process identifies jobs

DACUM. The word conjures visions of an exotic drink or a new card game. Actually DACUM is a relatively new curriculum development process that is slowly changing the way college curriculum is evolving.

The DACUM process evaluates programs and outlines tasks or jobs which must be performed in "real" occupational situations.

Developing A Curriculum (DACUM) has been used by several colleges in the United States and in Holland College, Prince Edward Island.

Niagara College's planning and development department has recently implemented the DACUM system to produce an analysis of the legal assistant program for the Ministry of Colleges and Universities.

"The DACUM system provides a definition of what in actual fact students will do on the job," Jon Ogryzlo, development officer, said. "It's a new innovative effort in developing a training profile."

IDENTIFIES FUNCTIONS

The DACUM process involves setting up a "brainstorming" session with selected individuals working in business, industry, or the professions. The selected committee then identifies certain functions that are important and must be learned by someone entering into that career.

A set chart is compiled to list the tasks performed most frequently by individuals working in the field. A verification survey may be made to check the conclusions made by the DACUM panel in the chart.

Students in court for mock trial competition

By SEAN CONDON
Staff Writer

Terry Brogue walked out of the St. Catharines Courthouse a free man on March 22. Mr. Brogue was acquitted of possession of marijuana and cocaine, but no penalty would have been imposed if he had been found guilty.

Terry Brogue does not exist.

Mr. Brogue was a fictional character protrayed by Steve McElweenie, a Grade 12 student at Southwood Secondary School in Cambridge.

He was one of 12 participants in a second-round match of the Third Annual Ontario High School Mock Trial Tournament. The match pitted six Southwood students — four acting as lawyers, one as a witness and one as the accused — against six adversaries from Governor Simcoe Secondary School, St. Catharines. The Governor Simcoe team comprised four lawyers and two witnesses.

For both schools, it was the second time they had entered a team in the tournament.

Tournament matches are set up like a real trial, and teams throughout Ontario compete in four stages. The first round is an intra-school contest to uncover participants who will represent the school in Round 2, an inter-school match.

Finals

The best four teams in the province, based on results of Round 2, participate in Round 3, a semi-final round. The two schools who made the most impressive showing in Round 3 compete in the championship round, Round 4. Rounds 3 and 4 are held in a courthouse in Toronto on Law Day. This year, Law Day was April 17.

All schools compete using the same case, which is detailed in booklets distributed to the schools. The booklets contain character "fact sheets" for witnesses to study from and they outline proper courtroom procedure which lawyers and witnesses should follow.

Josie Roberts, Southwood's Grade 12 law teacher and team coach, said the tournament gives students "an appreciation of the justice system and experience in public speaking and pressure thinking."

Students who participate in the mock trial tournament must be willing to put in a lot of practice time. Lunch periods and after-school hours become valuable.

"We would practise whenever we could sneak some time out," Eugene Luczkiw, coach of the Governor Simcoe team, said. Mr. Luczkiw teaches law to Grade 13 students at the school.

As Governor Simcoe was the home team in the second-round match, Mr. Luczkiw was responsible for obtaining a trial venue and an impartial judge. Arrangements were made to use the courthouse on Church Street in St. Catharines and Judge Harry W. Edmondstone presided over the trial.

Evaluation

Judge Edmondstone was in the courtroom to do more than decide the guilt or innocence of Mr.Brogue. He had to evaluate the performance of each team on a scale of zero to 50. Though he awarded the verdict to the Southwood defence counsel because the Crown Attorneys of Governor Simcoe did not prove Mr. Brogue's guilt "beyond a reasonable doubt," Judge Edmondstone gave the Governor Simcoe team a slightly higher performance score than Southwood, 45 to 44.

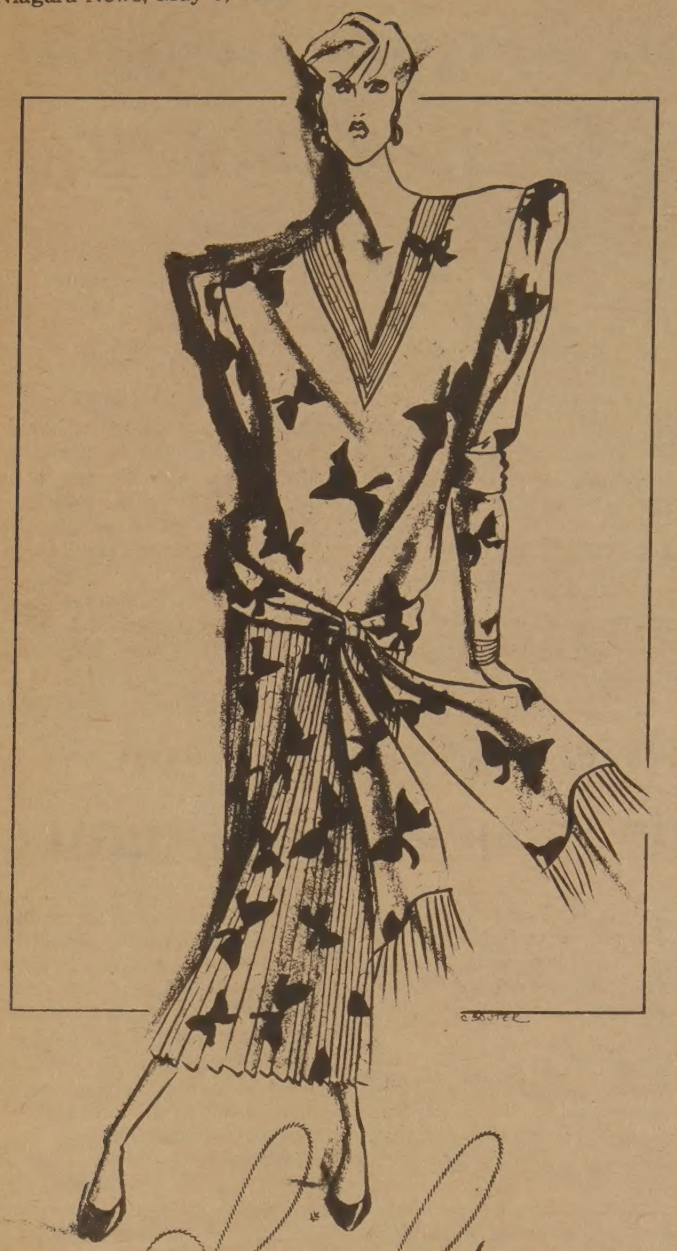
Of the duty of team evaluation, Judge Edmondstone said, "It was a task I did not relish."

Under tournament rules, Governor Simcoe became eligible for third-round competition. Southwood's case win does not affect the third-round qualifications of Governor Simcoe. All Governor Simcoe had to do was have one of the four best scores of all the second-round winners in Ontario.

Tournament officials notify teams which advance to Round 3 and award each the position of Crown or defence. Teams must know both sides of the case, because a school that was defence in Round 2 could become Crown in Round 3.

The participants in the mock trail found the contest to be a good experience. "I was really nervous at first, " Mike McQuinn, Crown Attorney and Grade 13 student, said. "After a while, though, I calmed down and had a good time."

For the teachers and organizers of the Ontario High School Mock Trial Tournament, seeing students have a good time is more important than seeing Terry Brogue go to jail.



Lisa Clark

Ca. ada's designers are set to take the fashion world by storm. At the Festival of Canadian Fashion April 24 to 28 in Toronto, their bold, distinctive creations, such as this Lisa Clark original, expressed the "draping femininity" and confidence in their designs.

Top Canadian design rivals world fashions

Look out, Bill Blass, Gucci, Gloria Vanderbilt and Pierre Cardin. The burgeoning Canadian fashion industry has fired its first salvo on the international fashion market and scored a direct hit.

Marie Lynch, fashion arts program co-ordinator, said she has never been so proud to belong to the Canadian fashion industry as at the premiere Festival of Canadian Fashion at the Toronto Convention Centre April 24 to 28.

Canadians "have it all over" designers she has seen in Paris, London and Rome, she said. Canadian designs are stronger, more confident and focused than the European designs.

All the fashion students attended the first full day while 10 second-year students got four days' exposure to the best and brightest of the Canadian clothing industry at the convention.

As a showcase for Canadian fashion, the festival was a tremendous success, the fashion arts instructors said. In addition to Ms. Lynch, Eileen Muir, Dorothy Vollick and Maura Hamill attended the festival.

THINK CANADIAN

By the end of the convention, the standing-room-only crowds were following the show's slogan to Think Canadian.

The festival also marked a changing attitude in the government to this industry Ms. Lynch said employs one-quarter of all Canadians. European designers have traditionally been supported by their governments, while Canadians were on their own. Now, recognizing the need to open up foreign markets, the ministries of trade and commerce of the Ontario and British Columbia governments were among the sponsors of the fashion showcase.

Buyers from around the world attended the show, including 35 Americans, invited by the Ontario government. Media coverage was heavy, attracting journalists from as far away as Japan.

Fashion shows were held every two hours throughout the festival. Homemaker's Magazine sponsored a "live editorial of Canadian fashion" which Ms. Lynch called "out of this world."

The powerful designs of Marilyn Brooks, Wayne Clark, Linda Lundstom and Alfred Sung created an overall impression of confidence, Ms.Lynch said. They were "elegant,""soft," and displayed a return to a "draping femininity" in contrast to last year's androgynous look.

For the second-year students, the trip was a "tremendously exciting" way to get acquainted with the fashion industry. Antoinette Schutten said she didn't know Canadian designers were so good.

Ms. Muir said the festival, which is to become an annual event, will likely replace Montreal as the fashion students' yearly field trip to the fashion industry.

The road to retail success needs balanced approach

By BRIAN TRACY
Staff Writer

One great myth rampant in the business world is that it's easy and terrific being an entrepreneur. It just isn't necessarily so, Gary Waters told the Retail Management Career Night last Monday.

"There is a ~~lot~~ of quicksand on the way to the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow," he said.

The career night, presented by the retail management program and graduating students, featured three speakers from the retail field and a panel discussion.

Mr. Waters, with 25 years in the men's wear business, spoke on entrepreneurship in the 80s. Celia Saltarelli, from the Limeridge Mall, spoke on management trends in the 80s and Les Pulchinski of Eaton's spoke on Labor Relations in the 80s.

Mr. Waters said would-be entrepreneurs need to have a balanced view of the business. Entrepreneurs do have full control, make the big decisions and are their own man or woman, but they also have all the risk. They also have three "silent partners". First, they are in debt to the bank, then to the suppliers, and government is also there setting guidelines.

3 REASONS

There are three main reasons why starting independent businessmen fail: they lack the hands-on experience which is more important than theory; they enter the business undercapitalized; and they enter a well-covered field instead of trying to service a separate niche.

He suggested gaining experience from several of the best stores in the specific area chosen and to "cross-reference" what each does well.

He didn't want to sound too pessimistic though; despite all the risks involved in starting a business, "nothing ventured, nothing gained".

DON'T BE AFRAID

Miss Saltarelli echoed Mr. Waters' statement. "Begin at the beginning," she said. "Don't be afraid to start at the beginning even if it is less than you desire." If graduating students "shine and work hard" in the management field, they will move upward. Changing trends will require a need for managers instead of administrators, and managers will have to be more than administrators — "generalists yet specialists."

Managers will have to delegate more responsibilities, developing new resources and new people. To get ahead, new managers will have to excel at communicating goals, objectives and desires, and must be willing to "work their butts off."

Mr. Pulchinski told the future managers to let their employees grow. "The best employee is the one who believes the store would fall apart without him."

STAFF STRATEGY

He laid out a strategy on how to deal with the staff. The first thing is to have open channels of communication with them. Make your system and goals clear, hold meetings and encourage input and opinion. Not only does this keep things straight, it creates a feeling of being "all in this together."

He warned about prejudging the staff. The manager must take the time to get to know the staff but without trying to be one of them. He warned about playing favorites. Each employee must be treated as his or her contribution merits.

The manager must also be consistent in his policy and in the application of discipline and allow a higher court of appeal to take complaints over disciplinary action.

Beyond anything else, Mr. Pulchinski advised the future manager to listen and learn. When a manager starts in a position, the employees know more about the situation than he/she does; the manager should remain "humble" and learn. Neither should he/she be afraid of using good ideas implemented by competitors: "Plagiarism is only wrong in writing."

Members of the panel discussion included Ron Dinelli, of Niagara Square; Grant Hayes, Zellers'; Dorothy Nagy, KMart; Joan Rewbury, Towers';Kathy Tkachuk, Robinson's and Harold Nash, a St. Catharines entrepreneur.

Parking spaces for handicapped abused by thoughtless motorists

By KEN GOUDSWAARD
Staff Writer

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If these numbers look familiar, you or a friend are guilty of parking illegally in a handicapped parking space.

"A lot of people abuse the handicapped parking spaces," Jack Spittle, director of plant and property, said. "It's always the same kind of people."

Mr. Spittle said Kerry Nicholls, special constable for the city of Welland, has handed out more than 50 tickets in the past month. A ticket costs $5 but the real loss is for those denied the parking space.

Mr. Spittle said those wanting to park in the handicapped spaces must come to him and get a sticker. "We will expand the parking spaces for the number of people who need them," Mr. Spittle said.

11 of 12

When the Niagara News made a spot check on the parking spaces, it found that 11 of the 12 spaces available were taken by cars without stickers. On another occasion it found five cars illegally parked.

Gord McPherson, a placement officer at the college, said he has seen people rip their tickets from their windshields and grind them into the ground.

The handicapped parking spaces are clearly marked with blue signs; even those who park for a short time violate the law and deprive the handicapped of a space.

"Handicapped doesn't always mean you have a limp," said a staff member at Niagara. The staff member, who wishes to remain anonymous, suffers from a heart condition that doesn't allow her to walk great distances under duress or stress.

"If I see someone who parks in one of the spaces and doesn't have a preferred parking sticker, I will confront them and state these spaces are reserved for those persons with a handicap. Dependent on their mentality is the reply I get."

Six Niagara students to produce Ont. film

Six graduating third-year film students at Niagara College will be producing a film for the Ontario Civil Service Commission this summer.

Two graduates of the film course will research and write the script. The film, being made in honor of International Youth Year, is intended to emphasize the services provided by the Civil Service Commission and its ministries. Film teacher Elias Petras will be executive producer of the project.

Steve Belanger, a third-year student and producer of the film, said the Ontario government will provide the Niagara College crew with a $35,000 budget to cover production costs of the 20-minute film. The project is expected to take a few months to complete. "For us (the crew), it will take at least the whole summer," Steve said.

Niagara College will provide the equipment. It will be moved to a Toronto office for the duration of the project, with shooting of the film to be carried out in various parts of the province. The Civil Service Commission will make the film available to educational facilities, community centres,cable television and TV Ontario, the province's educational network.

Innovation centre proposed for Niagara

A committee of fewer than 10 people will oversee the implementation of the proposed innovation centre, Jacqueline Robarts,college president, said.

Hans Van Der Slagt, dean of the school of business, will be chairman of the committee.

Andy Brandt, Ontario minister of industry and trade, was at Niagara Regional headquaters in St. Catharines April 24 to announce creation of the centre,one of 20 in the province. The ministry will provide $100,000 annually for the three-year project, which the college must match, dollar for dollar. He said the project could start immediately, whenever the college is ready to go.

Since this is still a tentative proposal, a lot will depend on the arrangement of the necessary funding before full implemantation will occur, Miss Robarts said.

Other Niagara College representatives on the committee will be Dr. Nora McCardell, executive director of educational and student services; George Repar, director of planning and development; Gail Hilyer, director, continuing education services; Dr. Anthony Knowles, dean of the applied science and technology; Louise Bardswich, manager of the computer centre; and Ivar Noren, chairman of mathematics, economics, part-time study and development division, school of business.

One positive spin-off from this innovation centre project would be the charge back of costs for the salaries of participating teachers who would be working directly with the centre. If the proposal is approved this would produce a savings for Niagara College's operational expenditures, Miss Robarts said.

Bless you

Ah...Ah...Ah...CHOOO!

By JACKIE FOSTER
Staff Writer

It has been estimated one person in five has it. It can be caused by inhaling, swallowing, injecting, skin contact or just by breathing the air.

The contributors can be animals, food, trees, costume jewelery, cosmetics, flowers, soaps, grass, detergents, deodorants, and even household dust.

The results are vomiting, nausea, cramps, nasal congestion, itching, rashes, eczema, hives, flu-like symptoms, and an acute medical emergency for shock.

It begins in mid-March and continues through summer. If the winter months are mild, it may last from spring to spring.

Some are affected year-round while others are "lucky" and it may only be a seasonal discomfort.

The culprit — allergies.

Many people may not know of their allergies thinking it may be a simple rash or cold, Nurse Marian Kerr of Niagara College Health Services said. "If your symptoms recur, you should consult a doctor," she said.

Often an allergy is undetected because symptoms are confused with other signs of illness such as headaches, hearing loss and loss of appetite which may be due to allergies, a pamphlet by the Ministry of Health said.

Why some people are not allergic is unknown but the Ministry of Health has found family tendencies. People have an 85 per cent chance if both parents have an allergy, 50 per cent chance if one parent does and a 10 per cent chance of having an allergy if neither parent does.

Cafeteria attendant feels dedicated to NC students

By ANGELA COLOSIMO
Staff Writer

The cafeteria nearly emptied as students packed away their cards and books and rushed to their 1:05 p.m. classes.

Hurrying from table to table, she cleans the messes left by hungry students.

In one hand she holds a damp dish cloth, with the other she tucks chairs in or picks up deserted trays left by scurrying students.

Rita Munro, of Fitch Street, Welland, has been the cafeteria attendant at Niagara College for more than two years.

Rita enjoys her 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. job. "I like young people; being around them makes me feel young," she said.

"On the whole I couldn't ask for a better bunch of students."

Rita is noted for coming to the rescue of students in need. She stocks a cart with bandages, aspirins, matches, and safety pins.

"Someone has to look after the students," she said as she pulled a change purse containing several dollars in change out of her pocket.

Friendly personal touches like these show her dedication to the students.

Rita's biggest beef about her job is the irritation of repeatedly telling students to pick up after themselves. "I think they do it to torment me," she said.

It's times like these when her temper gets the best of her.

"The students have to realize that there are 3,500 of them and just one of me," she said.

Rita grew up in Cape Breton. In 1943 she moved to Brantford where she worked making parts for British bombers. In 1956 she moved to Welland.

In her spare time Rita enjoys knitting and babysitting her grandchildren.

It's 4:45 p.m. The once-crowded cafeteria is now empty. The last of the students are hurrying to their buses. The tables are spotless; the chairs are neatly tucked in.

Rita's hectic day comes to an end. Although she breathes in relief, she looks forward to the next.

Tribunal

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students and vote twice.

Guidelines, separate from the constitution governing election practices, are not the answer, he said. The guidelines were proposed by Dr. Nora McCardell, executive director of educational and student services.

If the administration takes the election procedure out of the constitution, then it is useless, he said. "The administration might as well appoint the SAC executive.

IARC

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vice Employees Union notified college president Jacqueline Robarts Tuesday morning of the decision to boycott their meeting with the IARC. In an April 26 letter to faculty, Joan Hastings and Barry Sharpe, president and vice-president, respectively, of OPSEU local 242, said the union could not "encourage members...at Niagara College to take part in the meetings of the Instructional Assignment Review Committee."

The letter said the three-member IARC, "three representatives of management," is "symbolic of bad faith bargaining on the part of the Ministry (of Education)," and the use of an "in house" study must make union members "wonder if our concerns are seriously being addressed...a lasting resolution will only be found at the bargaining table."

UNDERSTANDS UNION

Of the boycott, Mr. Skolnik told the open meeting, "I understand the principle underlining the stand the union is taking and I appreciate that principle... from the point of view of research, it's unfortunate for us." He said that union members " keen observers of college issues," would have a lot of information which which would be useful to the committee.

At the sparsely attended meeting in the Hamilton Room, Mr. Skolnik said of the 10 colleges the IARC had visited before Niagara College, there were "one or two where almost no one showed up...by and large, we have not had a serious problem with attendance."

Of those who were present at the open session, most were faculty members. One of them, Ed Fox, a mathematics teacher, expressed concern for the random selection of staff for the closed-door faculty meeting, a process Mr. Sharpe had criticized in an April 27 report in the St. Catharines Standard. Every ninth member on the faculty seniority list was to be chosen for attendance at the meeting, but Mr. Fox said some of the names on the list were deleted or replaced.

After the meeting, Miss Robarts told the Niagara News Mr. Fox was "referring to the March seniority list; we were using the April list." She said 30 members of the randomly selected faculty were the "ninth person" and "we randomly picked another" from the remaining names. Ninteen of the 31 chosen attended the meeting.

The IARC is trying to visit all 22 community colleges before the June 30 duedate for the committee report. Mr. Skolnik said the limits of time do not have a great effect on committee research. "From our visits so far, when we left we felt pretty good about what we got. I don't honestly know what we are losing by limiting our visits to one day."